MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 1997-11, the Michigan Supreme Court will hold a public administrative hearing on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, in the Supreme Court courtroom located on the sixth floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48915. The hearing will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn no later than 11:30 a.m. Persons who wish to address the Court regarding matters on the agenda will be allotted three minutes each to present their views, after which the speakers may be questioned by the Justices. To reserve a place on the agenda, please notify the Office of the Clerk of the Court in writing at P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, Michigan 48909, or by e-mail at MSC_clerk@courts.mi.gov, no later than Monday, May 14, 2012.

Administrative matters on the agenda for this hearing are:

1. 2006-04 Proposed Amendment of Rule 3.204 of the Michigan Court Rules.

Published at 490 Mich 1235-1237 (Part 3, 2011).

Issue: Whether to adopt the proposed amendment of MCR 3.204 so that new actions would not be required to be filed as supplemental complaints, which would allow trial courts to consolidate cases to be more compatible with trial court case management systems.

2. 2006-47 Proposed Amendment of Rule 1.109 of the Michigan Court Rules.

Published at 490 Mich 1220-1235 (Part 3, 2011).

Issue: Whether to adopt the proposed amendment of MCR 1.109(D) (the provision defining and concerning electronic signatures of court records).

 2010-31 Proposed Amendment of Rule 5 of the Rules for the Board of Law Examiners.
 Published at 490 Mich 1242-1243 (Part 3, 2011). Issue: Whether to adopt the proposed amendment of BLE Rule 5 that would eliminate the requirement that an applicant petitioning to practice in Michigan must express an intention to maintain an office in the state.

- 4. 2010-32 Proposed Amendment of Rule 3.210 of the Michigan Court Rules. Published at 490 Mich 1237-1240 (Part 3, 2011).

 Issue: Whether to adopt the proposed amendments of MCR 3.210 that would govern the entry of default and default judgment in domestic relations cases and would cover and clarify related procedural issues; this amendment also would allow parties to reach agreement on issues related to division of property,
- in domestic relations cases and would cover and clarify related procedural issues; this amendment also would allow parties to reach agreement on issues related to division of property, custody, parenting time, and support, and to enter a consent judgment on those issues if the court approves it.
- 5. 2010-33 Proposed Adoption of New Rule 3.220 of the Michigan Court Rules.
 Published at 490 Mich 1240-1242 (Part 3, 2011).
 Issue: Whether to adopt proposed new MCR 3.220 that would require the trial court judge to set a deadline for arbitration proceedings and approve extensions of those time periods; the rule would also allow arbitrators to issue interim awards during the arbitration period.
- 6. 2011-30 Proposed Amendment of Rules 5.801, 7.102, 7.103, 7.108, and 7.109 of the Michigan Court Rules.
 Published at 490 Mich 1244-1248 (Part 4, 2012).
 Issue: Whether to adopt the proposed amendments of MCR 5.801, 7.102, 7.103, 7.108, and 7.109 that would direct that all appeals from probate court would be considered by the Court of Appeals instead of some orders being appealed to the Court of Appeals and other orders being appealed to the circuit court.
- 7. 2012-05 Proposed Retention of the Amendment of Rule 3.616 of the Michigan Court Rules.
 Published at 490 Mich Ixi-Ixiv (Part 4, 2012).
 Issue: Whether to retain MCR 3.616, which was adopted February 1, 2012, before the public hearing, to coincide with implementation of a new program of the Department of Human Services that provides continuing voluntary foster care to youth between the ages of 18 to 21 and enables Michigan to receive Title IV-E funding for that program. MCR 3.616 implements the judicial action requirements of 2011 PA 225, the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Act, MCL 400.641 et seq.